

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

00:00:00

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GERALD PEASE**, on March 29, 2005 at
3:30 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Gerald Pease, Chairman (D)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Dan Weinberg (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Todd Everts, Legislative Branch
Peg Holwick, Committee Secretary, Audio Technician

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 759, 3/14/2005; HB 765, 3/14/2005;
HB 170, 3/14/2005
Executive Action: HB 170, HB 759, HB 765, HJ 12, HB 746,
HB 492, HB 684

HEARING ON HB 759

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. ROGER KOOPMAN (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 759, Revise registration rental vehicle fleets.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:00:29 Bill Hilsendeger, Dollar Rental Car
00:03:15 Candace Payne, Montana Rental Car Association
00:04:01 Riley Johnson, Enterprise Rental Car

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:04:44

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:15

Closing by Sponsor:

HEARING ON HB 765

00:19:37

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. RICK MAEDJE (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 765, Permits for rock removal on highway right-of-way on federal land.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:23:40 Maureen McBrien, Acting Deputy Forest Supervisor,
Helena National Forest, Northern Region, USDA Forest
Service

[EXHIBIT](#)(his66a01)

Informational Testimony:

00:27:47 John Blacker, Administrator, Maintenance Division,
Montana Department of Transportation

00:30:17

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:38:46

Closing by Sponsor:

HEARING ON HB 170

00:43:08

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. BILL WILSON (D), HD 22, opened the hearing on HB 170, Clarify fund transfers for certain vehicle taxes and fees.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:47:10 Rhonda Carpenter-Wiggers, Montana Snowmobile Association

00:48:00 Doug Monger, Administrator, Parks Division, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT](#)(his66a02)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:49:00 Dan Lieberg, Montana Department of Disaster and Emergency Services (DES)

00:49:45

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:50:16

Closing by Sponsor:

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 170

00:50:59

Motion: SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that HB 170 BE CONCURRED IN.

00:51:00

Discussion:

SEN. COCCHIARELLA withdrew the motion.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 759

00:51:49

Motion/Vote: SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that HB 759 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. WEINBERG voted by Proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 765

00:52:35

Motion: SEN. SMITH moved HB 765 BE CONCURRED IN.

00:52:35

Discussion:

00:52:50

Motion/Vote: SEN. SMITH moved HB 765. Motion carried 7-3 by voice vote with SEN. COCCHIARELLA, SEN. LASLOVICH, and SEN. WEINBERG voting no. SEN. WEINBERG voted by Proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 12

00:56:28

Motion/Vote: SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that HJ 12 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. WEINBERG voted by Proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 746

00:59:15

Motion/Vote: SEN. LASLOVICH moved that HB 746 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. WEINBERG voted by Proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 492

01:00:37

Motion/Vote: SEN. BRUEGGEMAN moved that HB 492 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. WEINBERG voted by Proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 684

01:02:48

Motion: SEN. BRUEGGEMAN moved that HB 684 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

01:08:57

Spook Stang, Executive Vice President, Montana Motor
Carriers' Association

01:14:37

Vote: SEN. BRUEGGEMAN moved that HB 684 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion
carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. WEINBERG voted by Proxy.

01:18:29

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:50 P.M.

SEN. GERALD PEASE, Chairman

PEG HOLWICK, Secretary

GP/ph

Additional Exhibits:

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